

The Korean War (Bell Activity)

Problem: It is June 26, 1950. The North Korean army has invaded South Korea. The South Korean representative to the United Nations has just requested that the UN take military action to remove the threat. See below for details on the UN Charter Chapter VII ***Action with respect to Threats to the Peace, Breaches of the Peace, and Acts of Aggression***

See: Chapter VII Article 42 of the UN Charter

Should the Security Council consider that measures provided for in Article 41 would be inadequate or have proved to be inadequate, it may take such action by air, sea, or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security. Such action may include demonstrations, blockade, and other operations by air, sea, or land forces of Members of the United Nations.

See: Chapter VII Article 51 of the UN Charter

Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security. Measures taken by Members in the exercise of this right of self-defence shall be immediately reported to the Security Council and shall not in any way affect the authority and responsibility of the Security Council under the present Charter to take at any time such action as it deems necessary in order to maintain or restore international peace and security.

Role: You are a member of the UN Security Council (a non-permanent member).

Product: You have only five minutes to prepare a minute speech providing reasons for why you might vote for providing aid and why you might vote against providing aid.

Your speech will be share with members of your UNSC. Good luck.